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GOLD-SAVING PROCESS.

Mining in a Colorado Mountain
Stream With Discarded Hides.

For several months Peter Horadyka, a well-known gold miner of the San Jose country, has been coming to Durango on weekly visits, buying each time all the beef hides he could find. As he took the hides mountainward, many wondered to what purpose they were being put. A Durango (Col.) Herald reporter met Mr. Horadyka and bluntly asked him what he was doing with so many hides.

"Well, now that I have proved my theory correct, I have no objection to telling your readers of my doings."

"You see, all gold-hunters know that much gold known as 'float' is washed away continuously. To catch this by any means has already proved impossible, although tried by many different methods from the trial of sluices and running streams. Last Spring I luckily thought of a method which is rapidly making me a rich man."

"How do you do it?" was impatiently asked.

"Why, with hides. It's the simplest thing you ever saw. The Arizone river tributaries come from the best gold-bearing sections of the country. This being the case, much fine or flower gold must pass down the stream. Up above I arranged my plans by selecting a point where the river cuts directly to the bank; here I placed a hide on stakes, allowing the water to skim over it; the hair being placed up stream, of course it caught up all the 'float' of all kinds. After leaving the hide in this position for a week I took it out and examined it thoroughly, but could discover no trace of gold. Being determined to give my experiment a thorough test, I cut up several pieces and burned them in an old pan; in passing the ashes I was rewarded with over two dollars in gold. Since that time I have devoted my time to getting every hide I could buy, and now have fifty in place at various points. On my clean-ups, which I make on each hide at the end of two weeks, I realize from sixty to ninety dollars in pure gold, which I secure by retorting the ashes of the hides."

Curiosities of Magnetism.

Most well informed people are doubtless aware that the globe on which they live is a great ball of magnetism, but comparatively few have an adequate idea of the influence this property is continually exerting on all sides, that many common but inexplicable phenomena can be traced directly to this source.

Statistics go to show that in the matter of steel rails, as many as thirteen will become crystallized and break where they go to make up a railroad track running east and west, before one of those on a north and south track is similarly affected. This is entirely due to the magnetism generated by friction, and the fact that the polarity of the magnetic current is in the former instance resisted in the head-long rush of the train, whereas in the latter case it is undisturbed.

Another strange effect of this peculiar and occult force is that exerted on the watches of train men. A timepiece carried by the conductor running a train twenty miles an hour, however accurate it may be, will, if the speed of the train is increased to, say, fifty miles, become useless until regulated. The magnetism generated by the flight of a train may be said to be in proportion to the speed with which it is propelled, and the delicate parts of a watch, numbering all the way from 400 to 1,000 pieces, and peculiarly susceptible to this influence by reason of the hammering and polishing they have received, are not slow to feel the effect.

—Boston Budget.

Four sheep, a hog, and ten bushels of wheat settled an Iowa breach of promise suit where \$25,000 were demanded.

A Pennsylvania young man recently married a girl who had refused him eighteen times.

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Using The Toothpick.

The toothpick, when used with discretion, at proper times and in proper places, is an unobjectionable little instrument. Its occasional employment is necessary, as a rule, to cleanliness and the preservation of the teeth. So also is the tooth brush. This adjunct of the toilet is, however, never used in public. The person who, after partaking of a meal, should proceed to publicly use his tooth brush, would speedily find himself banished from decent society. Yet such action would be less objectionable to witness than the service to which some people, who pretend to refinement and culture, put the toothpick. There is but one place in which it may be rightly used—the dressing-room, and no person who has the slightest consideration for the feelings of others will handle it anywhere else. It would seem unnecessary to make such statements as the foregoing, and yet the use of the toothpick has reached proportions that strike the foreign visitor with astonishment and disgust, and make the lives of many of our citizens anything but agreeable. In no other country, it is said, have toothpicks been publicly used in private houses or in the presence of women. An English woman or a French woman of the better class not only never dreams of using a toothpick before people, but she considers it something that is more pleasant not even to mention. —[Columbus Journal.]

In a Big Telegraph Office.

It takes nearly a thousand operators to accomplish a day's business in the Western Union. Some of these work in the daytime and some at night, and others do nothing except relieve the regular staff while, in relays of fifty and seventy-five, they go up stairs for luncheon. Thus there is no pause in the eternal rattle of the machines. The problem of perpetual motion is solved in that room as much as it ever can be solved. The messages that come into the office are treated pretty much in the same way as those that go out. The operators who receive them write them out on blanks and send them whizzing off in a jiffy to the little girls in the grand stand. When they are stamped for identification they are dropped down through a sliding tube to the basement floor. A mirror at the bottom enables one to see directly through six stories and catch glimpses of the pig tails and curly bangs up in the lofty grand stand. As the messages drop they are taken out, slid through steam rollers that copy them on a revolving, endless belt that takes them off to the routing clerks and the messengers. System is always simple even in its most complicated forms. This is what system means. —[New York Tribune.]

A Cinder in the Eye.

Dr. R. W. St. Clair tells how a few years since he was riding on an engine when he caught a cinder in his eye that caused the most excruciating pain. He began to rub the afflicted organ, when the engineer called out: "Let that eye alone and rub the other one. I know you doctors think you know it all, but if you will let that eye alone and rub the other one, the cinder will be out in two minutes," persisted the engineer. The doctor began to rub the other eye, and soon felt the cinder down near the inner canthus, and made ready to take it out. "Let it alone, and keep at the well eye!" shouted the doctor pro tem. He did so for a minute longer and looking in a small glass found the offender on his cheek. "Since then," says Dr. St. Clair, "I have tried many times, and have advised many others, and I have never known it to fail in one instance (unless it was as sharp as a piece of steel, or something that cut into the ball and required an operation to remove it). Why it is so I do not know, but it is so I do know, and that one may be saved much suffering if they will let the injured eye alone and rub the well eye."

A man in Newcastle, Pa., dreamed that he had a misunderstanding with one of his neighbors, and the two decided to fight. After a few blows had been exchanged the dreaming fighter decided to kick his adversary. The kick was delivered, and the man awoke to find that he had kicked the head board and broken his big toe.

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R. HYMAN.

Pioche, March 2, 1888.

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